

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE, EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS,

A board of commissioned medical officers will be convened to meet at the Bureau of Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, 3 B street SE., Washington, D. C., Monday, January 11, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of examining candidates for admission to the grade of assistant surgeon in the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.

Candidates must be between 22 and 30 years of age, graduates of a reputable medical college, and must furnish testimonials from responsible persons as to their professional and moral character.

The following is the usual order of the examinations: 1, physical; 2, oral; 3, written; 4, clinical.

In addition to the physical examination, candidates are required to certify that they believe themselves free from any ailment which would disqualify them for service in any climate.

The examinations are chiefly in writing, and begin with a short autobiography of the candidate. The remainder of the written exercise consists in examination in the various branches of medicine, surgery, and hygiene.

The oral examination includes subjects of preliminary education, history, literature, and natural sciences.

The clinical examination is conducted at a hospital, and, when practicable, candidates are required to perform surgical operations on a cadaver.

Successful candidates will be numbered according to their attainments on examination, and will be commissioned in the same order as vacancies occur.

Upon appointment the young officers are, as a rule, first assigned to duty at one of the large hospitals, as at Boston, New York, New Orleans, Chicago, or San Francisco.

After four years' service, assistant surgeons are entitled to examination for promotion to the grade of passed assistant surgeon.

Promotion to the grade of surgeon is made according to seniority and after due examination as vacancies occur in that grade.

Assistant surgeons receive \$1,600, passed assistant surgeons \$2,000, and surgeons \$2,500 a year. Officers are entitled to furnish quarters for themselves and their families, or, at stations where quarters cannot be provided, they receive commutation at the rate of thirty, forty, and fifty dollars a month, according to grade.

All grades above that of assistant surgeon receive longevity pay, 10 per cent in addition to the regular salary for every five years' service up to 40 per cent after twenty years' service.

The tenure of office is permanent. Officers traveling under orders are allowed actual expenses.

For further information, or for invitation to appear before the board of examiners, address "Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, Washington, D. C."

### PURE FOOD EXHIBIT OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

In the October issue of the State Journal we commented on the Pure Food Exhibit at the State Fair, and erroneously gave the credit for this to the Public Health Committee of the State Society. Dr. Foster, Secretary of the State Board of Health, has very kindly called the attention of the Journal to the fact that the exhibit referred to, with the exception of a collection of laws and reports, was prepared entirely by the State Board of Health. It is a pleasure to make this acknowledgement, for the reason that we are only too glad to welcome any additional authority given to or activity of the State Board of Health.

### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

At the last meeting of this association, Dr. J. A. Witherspoon of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president, and Dr. Henry Enos Tuley of Louisville, Ky., was re-elected secretary. The next meeting will be held in St. Louis, Mo., October, 1909.

### FOUND, POCKET CASE OF INSTRUMENTS.

Dr. Wm. F. Freeman, Box 147, The Needles, advises the Journal that he has in his possession a pocket case of instruments which was found in San Francisco, about a year ago. Any one having lost such a piece of property should correspond with Dr. Freeman, giving a description of the article lost.

### COLORADO SOUVENIR BOOK ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Members of the Colorado anti-Tuberculosis organization, have prepared a book of statistical information, with climatic maps, weather charts, etc., which was distributed to those attending the International Congress. Those who did not attend may secure a copy by addressing Dr. Wm. N. Beggs, 823 14th street, Denver, and remitting 25c.

### FER-DON, THE FAKIR AND HIS TAPE WORMS.

Some interesting affidavits appeared in the Eureka Californian, of August 22d. At this time the "wonderful" Fer-Don, who is now located in Oakland, we believe, was doing business in Eureka. At one of his meetings he presented a very large tape worm, which he announced had been removed from one of his patients. The affidavits disclosed the fact that this was obtained from a butcher who found it in the intestine of a sheep.

### TUBERCULOSIS DIRECTORY.

The Charities Publication Committee, 105 East 22d street, New York, has recently issued a very unique volume under the title of "The Campaign Against Tuberculosis." The book is really a directory of all institutions and organizations dealing with tuberculosis, and includes a digest of legislation on the subject. Copies may be secured by remitting \$1.00 to the address given above.

### CALIFORNIA BULLETIN ON TUBERCULOSIS

The California Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, president, Mr. C. B. Boothe, Los Angeles, secretary, Dr. Geo. H. Kress, Los Angeles, has begun the publication of a bi-monthly journal, entitled "The Bulletin of the California Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis." The subscription price is \$1.00 a year, which includes membership in the association.

### CUT RATE COMPETITION.

The following letter, which certainly is the limit for cold commercial impudence, was received by a San Francisco physician. The letter is dated, Glasgow, the 24th of July, 1908, and bears at the top the heading, Burrell & Son, Steamship Managers:

"We shall be glad to hear at your earliest convenience what your fee would be for medical attendance to our steamers, calling at San Francisco. Your fee to include all medicine, and to be irrespective of the number of visits made."

We understand that a number of physicians in San Francisco received similar letters, and it would appear as though Burrell & Son desired to secure competitive bids.